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SUBJECT: GOM ERADICATION AND INTERDICTION ACTIVITY REPORT

APRIL 29 THROUGH SUNDAY MAY 7, 1978, FIELD OPERATIONS

THROUGH MAY 12, 1978.

1. GOM ERADICATION AND INTERDICTION STATISTICS FOR THE  
 EIGHTEENTH WEEK OF 1978 ARE OUTLINED BELOW. FIGURES IN  
 PARENTHESIS REFLECT CUMULATIVE TOTAL EFFECTIVE DECEMBER  
 1977.

ERADICATION APRIL 29-MAY 7, 1978 (9 DAY PERIOD)

ZONES	5-9	3-4	1-2	TOTAL
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A. POPPY FIELDS	253	15	0	268 (15,205)
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B. HECTARES	24.94	.23	0	25.17 (1237)
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C. MARIHUANA FIELDS	0	0	192	192 (2003)
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D. HECTARES	0	0	87.93	87.93 (447)
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E. MIXED FIELDS	0	2	0	2 (108)
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F. HECTARES	0	.18	0	.18 (10)
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INTERDICTION APRIL 29-MAY 7, 1978 (9 DAY PERIOD)

-	TOTAL THIS PERIOD	CUMULATIVE TOTAL
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A. KG. HEROIN	7.25	64.545
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B. KG. OPIUM	25.53	258.981
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C. KG. OPIUM SEED	1.712	59.976
D. HEROIN LABS	0	8
E. KG. COCAINE	0	33.25
F. KG. MARIHUANA	24,539	264,592
G. KG. MARIHUANA SEEDS	404.04	1,176.937
H. KG. HASHISH	0	59.875
I. LITERS HASHISH OIL	0	.250
J. KG. PEYOTE	0	11.85
K. D.U. DANGEROUS DRUGS	0	1,511,105
L. ARRESTS-MEXICAN	67	1832
M. ARRESTS-U.S.	3	66
N. ARRESTS-OTHER	0	11
O. VEHICLES	4	281
P. WEAPONS	10	690
Q. AMMUNITION	0	27,872
R. PESOS	0	433,399
S. DOLLARS	0	22,942
T. AIRCRAFT	0	23

2. FIELD OPERATIONS: THE PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACT TEAM HEADED BY JOHN FORD COMPLETED THEIR JOINT EVALUATION/VERIFICATION MISSIONS IN ZONE 06 ON MAY 5, WITH EXTENSIVE COVERAGE OF THE CRITICAL SECTORS IN THE STATES OF CHIHUAHUA, DURANGO, AND SINALOA. ROUTINE TELEPHONE CALLS TO EMBASSY FOR REPORTING PURPOSES WERE DISRUPTED DUE TO COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS. THERE WERE NO INCIDENTS REPORTED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND SUPPORT PROVIDED BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE THROUGH THE ZONE COORDINATOR WAS OUTSTANDING. TEAM RETURNED TO MEXICO CITY TO PROVIDE SERIES OF BRIEFINGS FOR EMBASSY AND AG OFFICE PRINCIPAL OFFICERS AND COMPILE THEIR REPORT IN DRAFT. FORD AND TEAM DEPARTED FROM MEXICO CITY BY MAY 12; HOWEVER, FORD SCHEDULED TO RETURN AT LATER DATE TO BRIEF AMBASSADOR AND SELECTED COUNTRY TEAM AND SUBMIT FINAL REPORT.

3. S/NM OFFICER ALEXANDER ON TDY ACCOMPANIED EMBASSY OFFICERS AND FORD TO HALF DAY SESSION OF BRIEFINGS FOR EXECUTIVE OFFICER BAEZA AND HIS SENIOR STAFF INITIALLY AND LATER FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL FLORES IN HIS CONFERENCE ROOM. PART OF THE BRIEFING UNDERScoreD DEVELOPMENT OF THE FIELD OPERATIONS SINCE FORD'S ARRIVAL IN SEPTEMBER, 1975 TO THE PRESENT. FORD EMPHASIZED THE NEED FOR ROTARY WING RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHTS IN ORDER TO DETECT THE MUCH SMALLER POPPY FIELDS AND OVERCOME CONCEALMENT EFFORTS BY THE CAMPESINOS. HE INFORMED THE AG HE DOES NOT BELIEVE THEY WOULD HAVE DETECTED 80 PERCENT OF THE 275 POPPY FIELD IF THEY HAD BEEN FLYING IN FIXED WING AIRCRAFT.

4. AG FLORES EXTENDED AN INVITATION TO THE TECHNICAL TEAM TO RETURN TO MEXICO PERIODICALLY TO CONDUCT SIMILAR JOINT EXERCISES AS HE (THE AG) APPRECIATES THE VALUE TO BOTH GOVERNMENTS. EMBASSY OFFICERS PRESENT INFORMED AG FLORES CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS AND SCHEDULING WOULD REQUIRE DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN EMBASSY, WASHINGTON AND AG OFFICERS. FYI: INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS INDICATE THAT A THIRTY-DAY JOINT EVALUATION/VERIFICATION EXERCISE EVERY QUARTER COMMENCING IN AUGUST WOULD BE FEASIBLE. END FYI.

5. DURING MEETING WITH EMBASSY AND S/NM OFFICERS ON MAY 9, EXECUTIVE OFFICER BAEZA EXHIBITED A COPY OF LETTER AD-

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DRESSED TO AG FLORES FROM PRESIDENT LOPEZ PORTILLO WHEREBY HE AUTHORIZED THE 30 PERCENT BUDGET SUPPLEMENT FOR CY 78 REQUESTED BY THE AG WHICH AMOUNTS TO 8.65 MILLION DOLLARS FOR ERADICATION/INTERDICTION ACTIVITIES. WHILE BAEZA WOULD NOT PROVIDE A COPY OF THE LETTER, HE ALLOWED OFFICERS TO TAKE NOTES. THE SIGNIFICANT EXPENDITURES INDICATE 25 PERCENT FOR PERSONNEL COSTS; 10 PERCENT FOR EQUIPMENT; 10 PERCENT FOR FUEL AND LUBRICANTS; 10 PERCENT FOR HERBICIDES; AND OTHER EXPENSES TOO NUMEROUS TO ITEMIZE ARE CLASSIFIED AS GENERAL SUPPORT FOR AG ACTIVITIES. BAEZA MENTIONED THIS AMOUNT DOES NOT INCLUDE MILITARY EXPENDITURES RELATED TO THE CAMPAIGN.

6. BAEZA REQUESTED S/NM OFFICER TO EXPEDITE ANY REPORTING FROM USG SOURCES RELATED TO SEIZURES OF HEROIN AND MARI-

HUANA FROM OTHER COUNTRIES. ADDITIONALLY, THE AG OFFICE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY REPORTS ON THE ALTERING OF HEROIN IN THE U.S. IN SUCH A MANNER TO APPEAR TO BE OF MEXICAN ORIGIN. PRESIDENT LOPEZ PORTILLO HAS ISSUED A MANDATE REQUIRING ALL GOM MINISTRIES TO CONDUCT CONTINUOUS EVALUATIONS ON THE COST EFFECTIVENESS OF FEDERALLY FUNDED PRO-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GRAMS. IN THIS RESPECT, BAEZA INFORMED EMBASSY OFFICERS THE AG WILL ADHERE FULLY. BAEZA REVEALED AG FLORES HAS THE SAME BUREAUCRATIC PROBLEM AS THE U.S. IN JUSTIFYING EXPENDITURE OF GOM FUNDS.

7. TECHINCAL SUPPORT:

A. AVIATION OPERATIONS: ROBERT DUFAU ARRIVED ON MAY 11 TO COMMENCE HIS THIRD SCHEDULED TDY AND WILL CONTINUE TO ASSIST AVIATION OPERATIONS ADVISOR CARSON IN TEST FLIGHT TRAINING, TRANSITIONAL TRAINING, AND FLIGHT CHECK OUTS. FOUR NEW OPERATIONAL MODEL 212 HELICOPTER PILOTS WERE QUALIFIED WITH TOTAL INSTRUCTION IMPARTED BY AERO SERVICES INSTRUCTOR PILOTS.

B. MAINTENANCE: ADVISOR KARMAN HAS BEEN ON TDY IN ZONE 06, CULIACAN, FOR THE MAJOR PORTION OF THE WEEK, LOOKING INTO MATTERS RELATED TO THE SPRAY AND GROUND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT.

C. TELECOMMUNICATIONS: AG OFFICE INITIATED PROCUREMENTS FOR 70 VHF-FM MOBILE TRANSCEIVERS FROM MOTOROLA, MEXICO, AS ITS FIRST INCREMENT FROM GOM FUNDS UNDER THE JOINT PROGRAM WITH USG.

D. E-SYSTEMS CONTRACT: CONTRACT ADMINISTRATOR WILLIAMS CURRENTLY IN GREENVILLE, TEXAS, TO HANDLE ARRANGEMENTS FOR FULL AUDIT BY DCAA TO TAKE PLACE IN MEXICO SOON AFTER JUNE 1. BAEZA RECENTLY RAISED QUESTION ON THIS POSSIBILITY DURING MONTHLY MEETING ON FUNDS TRANSFERRED TO AG OFFICE. E-SYSTEMS IS AMENABLE TO TRANSFERRING ALL THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS TO MEXICO IF WASHINGTON AUDIT PERSONNEL APPROVE. E-SYSTEMS HAS DISPATCHED THE PRESIDENT OF SER-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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